REMARKS

The present invention is directed to a related invention that is recited in U.S. Patent applications Serial No., 08/014,176, now U.S. Patent 5,437,554, filed February 5, 1993, Serial No. 08/561,083, filed November 20, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,718,591 and Serial No. 09/143,303, now U.S. Patent 6,193,521, filed August 28, 1998. The Applicants have amended the claims found therein to include a set of system and method claims which do not require test answer sheets that are electronic representations of scanned images, but rather include any type of data which can be represented and displayed by a computer system over a distributed computer network. This set of system claims is written in non-means plus function. Also, a set of claims to a computer-readable program storage medium is included for the same inventive concept.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments submitted herewith.

Amendments are also made to the summary and abstract to more accurately summarize the claimed invention. Applicants have also update the discussion of related applications.

Amendments to the Drawings

Minor changes are also made to Figure 5. The Amendment to Fig. 5 was made in a related case (Serial No. 08/561,084) to add flow direction indicators.

Applicants have added Figure 12B and the accompanying description to specifically show the monitoring of performance feedback. Figure 12 B was added in related cases (Serial Nos. 08/561,083 and 09/143,303). Figure 12B and corresponding text within the specification which are supported for example by original claims 21, 25, 28 and 34. Although Applicant submits that the drawings in their present form provide support for all claimed features, the amended drawings more clearly provide such support. The addition of new Figure 12B and the corresponding textual descriptions is not new matter and is present in the claims and elsewhere in the application as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative if such contact would be helpful.

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